



RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting

March 8, 2011

Meeting Began At: 8:20 a.m.

Meeting Ended At: 8:50 a.m.

Members Present: Deb Schorr, Eugene Carroll, Doug Emery, Adam Hornung, Brent Smoyer

Members Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Roger Figard, Tina Queen, Randy Hoskins, Susie Filipi, Fran Mejer, Liz Thanel, Andy Stebbing, Terry Adams, Bill Kutilek, Jane Raybould, Harlan Layton, Gary Irvin.

Order No. 11-01 Call Meeting to Order. Approval of Previous Minutes.

Schorr called the meeting to order and introduced the board members including the newest member, Brent Smoyer.

Figard introduced those who assist the RTSD in the day to day operation.

Carroll motioned to approve the previous minutes. Emery seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Smoyer abstained.

Order No. 11-02 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements & Investment Detail.

Figard stated that the County Treasurer's office will be phasing in to do the budget for the RTSD. They will be taking over the City side of the budget and books. He welcomed Liz Thanel, Terry Adams and Adam Stebbing.

Thanel presented the statement of receipts and disbursements and investments for July 2010 thru February 2011.

See attached.

Carroll motioned to approve the statement of receipts, disbursements and investment detail. Smoyer seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Order No. 11-03 Current Budget Status, Project Updates, Committee Updates.

1. Hickman - The County has asked for an additional \$20,000 in the upcoming fiscal year's budget to cover minor contingencies. The CIP will be updated to reflect that.

2. Harris - Waiting for BNSF for close out the paperwork and then do some reconciliation between the RTSD and the City.
3. South & South Salt Creek Quiet Zones - Projects were bid last month. Pavers won the contract and is scheduled to begin construction 3-28-11 weather permitting. They will start on the north end with the physical crossing closure of 2nd and J.
4. Southwest 40th - All the environmental documents are in place now. Right acquisition and design needs to be done in the next year. Approximately 5.5 million will be budgeted next year. Goal is for a bid letting in March 2012.
5. Waverly - Continuing to work with Schemmer Associates on the design of the quiet zone.
6. Pedestrian Bridge @ 18th & Holdrege - complete.
7. 33rd & BNSF Crossing - put into CIP as a placeholder.
8. NCUTCD - Travel arrangements are done for the June meeting in Boise, Idaho. The focus is to continue to work on the manual revision to be completed by 2014.

Order No. 11-04 Draft 2011 - 2012 Budget & CIP.

West Haymarket - Refer to map (red line). \$300,000 has been added to the CIP for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year to assist in the removal of tracks that BNSF relinquished. An interlocal agreement for this expenditure may be presented at the June board meeting for approval.

56th from Shadow Pine to OCR - The City will be improving 56th Street from Old Cheney to Pine Lake. The \$1,000,000 budgeted for 2012 - 2013 will be used to redo the gates, lights and crossing. There is currently no interlocal agreement in place.

Figard presented a spreadsheet with all expenditures/projects done since the 1992-1993 fiscal year. This information will be put on the RTSD's website. A revised CIP and budget sheet will be provided to the board members next week.

The RTSD is set up under State Statute. The Lincoln/Lancaster County RTSD is one of three in the state of Nebraska. Funds are to be used for the purposes outlined in the State Statute. There is no flexibility. In order to change the State Statute, it would take an act of legislature. The RTSD's mission is to reduce conflicts between pedestrians, cars and trains to reduce safety.

Order No. 11-05 Monday Meetings - Time Change

Emery discussed the reasoning behind wanting to change the Monday meetings from 8:15 to 12:30. Tuesday meeting times are for the convenience of the County Commissioners in that they have another meeting at 9:30. Monday meetings could be changed for the convenience of the City Council members since they have Monday afternoon meetings.

Emery motioned to approve the Monday meetings to change from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm. Hornung seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Order No. 10-30 Petitions/Letters/Requests.

No items discussed.

Order No. 10-31 Non-Agenda Items.

No public comment.

Hornung motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 @ 12:30 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Tina Queen, Engineering Services